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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV'S COMMENTS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION

1. NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE OF AUGUST 16 REPORTS THAT BREZHNEV, IN DISCUSSION WITH A GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN AT YALTA, STATED THAT BASKET III PROVISIONS OF CSCE FINAL ACT FALL AMONG PROVISIONS WHICH "WILL BE FULFILLED ACCORDING TO AGREEMENTS ON THE PART OF THE STATES."

2. FOR USNATO. YOU SHOULD USE FIRST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM ALLIED DELEGATIONS THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT BREZHNEV ACTUALLY SAID THAT SOME PROVISIONS ON INFORMATION ARE SUBJECT TO FURTHER AGREEMENT. OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERPRETATION IS THAT THERE ARE SOME PROVISIONS IN THE

CSCE FINAL ACT WHICH SUGGEST FURTHER BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS BUT THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE FINAL ACT'S PROVISIONS STAND BY THEMSELVES AND SHOULD NOW BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS IS TRUE FOR BASKET III AS WELL AS THE OTHER PARTS OF THE FINAL ACT. WHILE THE FINAL ACT IS NOT LEGALLY BINDING ON ANY OF THE SIGNATORIES, WE BELIEVE THAT SIGNATURE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL CONSTITUTES A MORAL AND POLITICAL OBLIGATION TO IMPLEMENT IT. IN

ADDITION, THE SOVIETS HAVE REPEATEDLY SAID THAT THEY WILL IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE CSCE.

3. FOR MOSCOW AND INFO ADDRESSEES: YOU SHOULD DRAW ON PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE IF THIS SUBJECT IS RAISED LOCALLY BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR PRESS.

4. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ADDRESSED THIS QUESTION IN PRELIMINARY FASHION AT PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 18, AND WILL BE GUIDED BY PARA 2 ABOVE IN FUTURE COMMENTS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. SISCO

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